

Board of Commissioners
June 3, 2008 – 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Minutes

05/05/2008 minutes; Gogel asked for Shelton to check the original of the ordinance passed at the last meeting regarding the Lincoln Celebration, because in the minutes the celebration is said to go through September 31st and it should be September 30th. Logsdon asked if a sentence regarding The Way was worded properly. Shelton will change the wording to make it clear that the county has not made a decision on the use of the building. Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes after the modification. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

05/20/2008 Executive Session minutes and 05/20/2008 minutes; Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Insurance Committee

Rininger stated that Shelton recruited volunteers to serve on a committee to examine the insurance proposals as follows:

Courthouse Offices: Al Perdue, Janie McGinnis, and Christine Zimmerman
Highway Department: Cindy Painter
Sheriff's Office: Jim McDurmon
County Council: Blake Bunner and Jack Kroeger
Commissioner: Al Logsdon

Claims

Discussion was had on some individual claims. Logsdon made a motion to approve claims. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Sign Obstructing View

Logsdon asked Highway Superintendent Painter to check into a sign which is obstructing the view of oncoming traffic at the intersection of CR 700 and SR 66. Painter will talk to the owner of the business.

Bid Opening

Engineer Lloyd stated that the engineer's estimate of the work to be done on CR 1360 E is \$121,601. Lueken opened the bids as follows:

Metzger Construction	\$142,053.00
JH Rudolph	\$117,950.56
Gohmann Asphalt	\$154,425.65

Rininger asked for public comment. No response.

After Lloyd and Lueken reviewed the submitted bids, Lloyd recommended that the low bid submitted by JH Rudolph be accepted. Gogel made a motion to accept the bid from JH Rudolph of \$117,950.56. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Health Insurance

Total Benefits Solutions - Marilyn Allen and Danita Grosvenor discussed the benefits of using Total Benefits Solutions, d/b/a Amenity Insurance. They stated that the best deal in health insurance they were able to negotiate for the county was with Meritain Health. Greg Beloit from Meritain discussed the plan. It is a partially self funded plan with the same deductible the county currently offers of \$250. Beloit also discussed how Meritain would individually meet with and test each employee and design a preventative health care plan specifically for the county.

ONB Insurance - Kurt Eichmiller and Steve Snyder discussed the benefits of using ONB Insurance. Snyder presented three different options for the committee to review. One was the Welborn Health Care Plan, which is a fully insured plan. Second was the Employee Plans, LLC, which is a self insured plan with the lowest fixed cost, and owned by ONB Insurance. The third was Meritain Health, with the same benefits as discussed earlier. Snyder stated the biggest decision is to decide what agent the county wants to work with and ONB offers the largest agency.

Logsdon asked each of the presenters along with the current provider, SIHO, to furnish the insurance committee with information including vocabulary of frequently used terms and an overview of the plans. Also information regarding the wellness plans would be helpful. Logsdon asked each of the providers if the health letters they discussed was available for sale even if a different carrier was chosen. Both agreed that it could be contracted.

Logsdon stated that the commissioners are not dissatisfied with the current carrier but it is their responsibility to provide the best coverage for the county employees at the best price.

Engineer Report

Lloyd stated that the Huffman Mill Bridge meeting will take place in the commissioners' room on Tuesday, June 10th at 8:00 am.

Highway Report

Budget Forms - Painter stated that he will be working on the budget forms and asked if the commissioners would like to give their input. Logsdon asked him to bring his suggested budget to the next meeting on the 24th. Painter expressed his concern over the increasing fuel prices, stating that the money has to come from somewhere else in the budget.

Mowing – Painter stated that the mowing crews are only mowing one pass along the county roads, but are mowing more at each intersection to maintain visibility.

Legal Report

Richland Incorporation – Lueken stated that Nora Yeager has mailed all of the notices for the public hearing for the incorporation of Richland. The notices state that all recipients of the notice are entitled to be heard at the hearing. Lueken suggested having a map of the area posted at the hearing, along with copies of IC 36-5-1-8 which outlines the requirements for a town to be incorporated. Discussion was had on the timing of the decision, appeals, and remonstrations. The commissioners decided that a decision on the incorporation will not be made at the hearing. A decision is planned for the June 24th meeting. Logsdon asked if a meeting was needed prior to the 24th to discuss the decision. Yeager stated that copies of the proposed budget, tax rate and town boundaries survey have been distributed to the households and copies are at the Library.

WTH Data Sale – Lueken stated that WTH forwarded a request from Group 1 Software, Inc. to purchase the county GIS data. He reviewed the submitted forms and recommended the commissioners sign the agreement. Gogel made a motion to sign the agreement. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

BLS Enterprises

Mike Smith, with BLS Enterprises, expressed interest in purchasing the old Troy Refinery property which the county obtained through non-payment of taxes. Discussion was had on the tanks on the property and the

potential for environmental problems. BLS Enterprises processes steel. Smith asked for permission to go on the property and submit a proposal to the county. Logsdon asked Smith to work with Lueken and sign a hold harmless agreement. Smith will submit a proposal to the commissioners at the July 1st meeting.

SIHO Report

Pete Franzman and Mary Beth Hurst with SIHO submitted a comparison report showing the difference in the cost if the county would provide various preventative tests as part of the current plan. The cost difference from the current plan is estimated to only be an increase of \$600. Franzman discussed the importance of a wellness program. Discussion was had on the difference of a fully funded plan and a self funded plan.

Public Safety Building

Councilman Kroeger discussed the planned meeting with Indiana 15 and Jan Crider to discuss the proposed public safety building and asked that it be a joint commissioner and council meeting. The commissioners agreed. The public meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 10:00 am.

Pandemic Flu Drill

EMA Director Perdue stated that EMA and the Health Department participated in a four hour Pandemic Flu Drill. He thanked everyone for their participation.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

Board of Commissioners,

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President	
Attest:	
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor	

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